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STATE LEGISLATURE, MADRAS

THE MADRAS LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

Thursday, the 10th March 1960.

The House met in the Council Chamber, Fort St. George, at three of the clock, Mr. Chairman (THE HON. DR. P. V. CHERIAN) in the Chair.

I.—EXPRESSION OF SORROW AT THE DEMISE OF SRI HARISARVOTHAMA RAO, A MEMBER OF THE OLD LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

MR. CHAIRMAN : I have to announce to the House the death of Sri Harisarvothama Rao, a former Member of the old Legislative Council, on the 29th February 1960 at Madras. He was an elected Member of the old Legislative Council from Kurnool Rural Constituency, from December 1926 to April 1930. He was a social worker and was connected with the campaign for the promotion of adult education and the library movement, besides being a co-operator. We express our sincere sorrow at his demise which I shall convey to the members of the bereaved family.

I now request hon. Members to stand in silence for a few minutes as a mark of respect to the deceased.

Accordingly, the Members stood in silence for two minutes.

II.—QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

STARRED QUESTIONS.

Block Advisory Meetings

* 76 *Q.*—SRI S. K. SAMBANDHAN : Will the Hon. the Chief Minister be pleased to state whether it is a fact that the Government have issued instructions to the Collectors of the districts to convene Block Advisory meetings once in two months in each Block of the district?

THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN (on behalf of the Hon. the Chief Minister) : According to the earlier orders, the Block Development Committees were required to meet once in two months or more often, if necessary. Orders have recently been issued for the constitution with effect from 1st January 1960 of Block Advisory Committees on an *ad hoc* basis with the Presidents of the Panchayats in the Blocks as non-official members. These *ad hoc* Committees are required to meet periodically so that not more than four months should elapse between two successive meetings of any Committee.